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**POTENTATE
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1949 A BANNER YEAR**

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WHY I AM A SHRINER

A FEW days ago a brother asked me a very simple question, i.e., "Why did you join the Shrine?" I doubt not that every Shriner has been asked the same question and I am wondering how many of you have ever taken the time out to seriously analyze your answer.

First, I am a Shriner because I am a Mason. No Shriner should ever forget this.

Second, because I am either a Knight Templar or a Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and it is equally important that this be not forgotten.

To some the above statements may sound just a little trite. Let us analyze them. In the first three degrees we are taught the tenets of a good moral life by the study of a fundamental, thought-provoking, serious philosophy. Any man who passes through the first three degrees and is not impressed and humbled by the magnitude of its serious philosophy, has missed the very essence of Masonry.

In the American Rite the Mason travels in hand with this deep inspiring idealism until he has earned the right or privilege to wear the Cross and Crown symbolizing his acceptance of its great Christian principles. Someone has coined the phrase, "The Bulwark of Christendom," and it is my humble opinion that no organization outside the Church so well deserves this title as the American Rite.

In the Scottish Rite we take the Mason back to the beginning of recorded history and attempt to teach him, not what men believe, but why they believe as they do. Then we lead him on up through the philosophy and belief of the middle ages, until finally he finds himself face to face with that high idealism of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and is taught the immeasurable worth of the individual man, which in its final analysis is true Americanism.

But now you are ready to ask, "What has this to do with becoming a Shriner?" Just this — any thinking man who has

been accorded the privilege of Masonic teaching must inevitably be impressed by the great inequalities which exist in our present social structure and equally depressed by his inability to correct them. Too much such serious thought often leads either to pessimism, moral confusion or complete rejection and mental anarchy. Such a man must have periods of relaxation. This is the field in which the Shrine rightly functions, and is not excelled by any other body.

It offers a retreat where thinking men may associate themselves with other thinking men and without laying aside one iota of their Masonry still find respite from life's complexities by relaxing for a few hours in clean, wholesome companionship and fun. No other organization compares with it and my Masonic life was not complete until I found the Shrine. That, my Brethren, is why I am a Shriner.

SELECTED

AN INVITATION TO JOIN ONE OF ALEPPO'S UNITS ATTENTION BAND MEN! ATTENTION CHANTERS!

SINCE our Annual Meeting in January, and in compliance with the urgent request of our new Potentate, I have acted as Co-ordinator of the various activity units of Aleppo Temple, including the Band, Patrol, Mounted Patrol, Degree Staff, Ritualistic Degree Team, 3rd Degree Team, a possible organization of Chanters, and perhaps a Ninth annual Shrine Circus. While I realize that this particular assignment is one calculated to draw lightning, I shall certainly continue to offer all possible assistance to our leader for 1949, with every assurance that the Nobility of our great Temple will co-operate to the fullest extent in loyal service to Aleppo. The attention of every member of Aleppo Temple is especially directed to the following two items at this time.

For many years Aleppo's Band has enjoyed a splendid reputation both for size and accomplishment. When the Band was being built to its peak membership some few years ago, a considerable number of its players originally joined *without* any great degree of earlier band experience. Nevertheless the outfit gradually developed into the best Shrine Band in America. During war years we experienced inevitable losses; since the war new additions to the band have been fewer than expected.

Aleppo wants more men in our Band.

At present in the Band we have *Active Members*. These are Nobles of Aleppo who have joined the Band, as an activity of the Temple, just as Nobles join the Patrol, or the Degree Staff. These men attend weekly rehearsals on Monday evenings at Mechanics' Building, and participate in every Band activity. In the Band we also have *Associate Members*. These Nobles are professional musicians, not primarily interested in the Band as a Temple activity, but who participate with the Band at Ceremonials and on parade as a service to Aleppo. Finally, there are *Emeritus Members* of the Band, — Nobles who have served down through the years and proudly retain their Band membership although now incapacitated for long street parades.

Some Temples, in recent years, have begun to feature not only the official *Shrine Band* of the Temple, but also a *Drum Corps*, a so-called *Oriental Band*, and in some instances even a *String Band*. As the fourth largest Temple, among the 160 Shrine Temples in North America, Aleppo continues to expect only the best.

With the full approval of the Potentate therefore, — and I am sure with the complete approbation of our Band leader, — a call is now made for *more Band material* from among the 12,000

members of Aleppo Temple, many of whom have joined within the past few years. You are *welcome* on the Band. But if you wish to *join* the Band, experienced or *not* experienced, let us hear from you NOW. It may be we'll have such a surplus of drummers Aleppo will need a Drum Corps, or Oriental Band! One other item may prove to be of interest to the Nobility. Many Temples feature a singing group of so-called *Chanters*. The organization may be primarily for ceremonial or concert work, or it may be a *marching* group as well. Some years ago Aleppo had Chanters. Are there singers among the Nobility of Aleppo Temple who would be interested in the formation of such a group at this time? If there are, then send your name and address to the Potentate Frank B. Ellis, or to me, at 97 Huntington Ave., incidentally stating your experience, if any.

Yours with and in the Faith,
ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

SAILING UNDER FALSE COLORS

QUITE often we meet a Noble in the course of business or pleasure who proudly displays a Shrine pin in his coat lapel, and when queried as to the name of the Temple to which he belongs, confesses rather reluctantly that he obtained a demit from the Shrine some time ago.

It would be very interesting to know how many Shriners residing in our own jurisdiction wear pins, rings or other insignia to signify their allegiance to the Order and yet carry demits or stand suspended from membership in their Temple.

A demit is really a temporary leave of absence, acting as a letter of introduction to some other Temple, and should be exchanged at the first opportunity for a paid-up membership card.

The question often arises in the Shrine, "Should a former member whose name is not on the active membership list of an organization continue to wear the emblems of that Order?"

These organizations were founded and carried on through the interest and co-operation of the active members, who continue to contribute to the expense and keep the organization alive. That is what made it possible for the former members to join and originally become eligible to wear the emblems.

The Shrine, like every other fraternal organization, needs funds on which to operate. The bulk of those funds is obtained through the payment of dues. The Shriner who displays the emblem of our Order who is not paying dues to

some Temple in North America is remiss in his duty to Shrinedom.

A person wearing the pin or charm of an organization does so because he wants the public to know that he belongs to that body and is proud of it. If he has severed his connections and yet continues to wear the organizations' emblems, he is knowingly acting a falsehood. He is giving the public the impression that he is a member of that organization when he actually is not.

He must feel it an honor to belong to these organizations or he would not desire to wear the emblems. Any man wishing to retain this honor should aid in the upkeep and the furtherance of the Orders.



ALEPPO ANSWERS CUSHING HOSPITAL WHEEL-CHAIR APPEAL

AN article appeared in the Boston *Traveler* of Monday, March 14, as follows:

"When men refuse to become discouraged because they have lost the use of their legs through war wounds and have enough love of life to want to prove that they should be the *Wheel-chair* basketball champions of the United States, they certainly are entitled to the designation of the gamest guys in the country. And that's why an appeal is being made through these sports pages of the *Traveler* for funds to send the Cushing General Hospital wheel-chair basketball team to New York for a three-game series.

It's not a terrifically large amount of money to many, but it's quite a chunk of dough as far as these paraplegic athletes at Cushing are concerned. They are guys who are wheel-chair cases, crippled for life, but they don't call themselves crippled. They even reject the handi-capped characterization. They have enough enthusiasm to form a basketball team, scooting around the floors in their wheel-chairs. And as the result of defeating the California veterans the past week they want to put in their bid for a national title.

"There isn't any guarantee in these games, Johnny Buhs was saying, 'and the team would have to support itself. That's where the money angle hurts'."

Chairman Wilson of the Aleppo Shrine Circus at once made the following response: "The Cushing General Hospital wheel-chair basketball team of veterans are real champs without winning any basketball title. But if five hundred dollars will give these boys their chance to try for a national title in New York, Aleppo Temple of the Shrine can certainly spare funds for such a purpose out of the proceeds of our last Shrine Circus at the Boston Garden. Frank Ellis, the present Potentate of Aleppo, therefore authorizes me as Chairman of the Shrine Circus to state that check for that purpose in such amount as is needed, up to \$500, is available with the best wishes of every Noble of the Shrine to every boy at the Cushing General Hospital."

BIG SUMMER CEREMONIAL and STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1949

MECHANICS BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

All Petitions for membership to be acted upon at this meeting MUST be in the Recorder's office not later than 4.00 p.m., Friday, May 6. [2 working days before the meeting.]

AFTERNOON MEETING - - - - - 4.00 to 5.00 P.M.

PAUL REVERE HALL, MECHANICS BUILDING
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BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES

Candidates report at West Newton Street Entrance of Mechanics Building at 2.30 P.M.

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SEILER BUFFET DINNER - - - - - 5.00 to 7.00 P.M.

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Illustrious Potentate

IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION AT CHICAGO IN JULY

PLANS are well under way by the Officers and Nobles of Medinah Temple and the City of Chicago for entertaining the largest Imperial Council Session ever held since its founding 75 years ago.

The dates of the convention have been set as July 19, 20 and 21, 1949, when Medinah Temple will be the host to the Imperial Council for its Diamond Jubilee Session.

Illustrious Nobles Joseph A. Downey, who served as Illustrious Potentate of Medinah in 1948, Shrinedom's third largest Temple, says that this year's convention will be marked by many distinctive features during the week's celebration beginning Sunday, July 7, and predicts that "Medinah Will Shine in '49."

Noble Downey advises that his Committee at Chicago has received an influx

of requests for hotel reservations from Temples from all parts of North America.



NEW SHRINE CLUB ORGANIZED

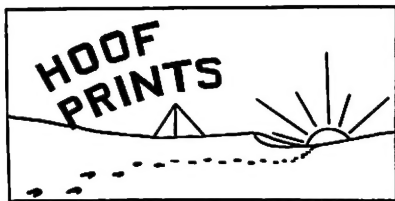
ON Wednesday, March 2, 1949, approximately 100 Nobles of Aleppo Temple from the Merrimack Valley District met in the Masonic Temple, Lawrence, Mass., for the purpose of organizing a new Shrine Club to further the purposes of Shrinedom in that locality.

At this gathering the new club, known as the "Merrimack Valley Shrine Club" became a reality. After proper nominations the following Nobles were elected to guide the destinies of this new organization for the coming year: President, William J. Gray; 1st Vice-president, Everett Clifford; 2nd Vice-president, J. Luther Collins; Secretary and

Treasurer, Chester W. McCraw; Recording Secretary, Clarence Pratt. Directors are: Roland Tripp, Charles Brown, Wilbur Hager, Thomas Soucy, John Holman and Harry Hall.

A set of by-laws to guide the organization were endorsed. These by-laws in part provide that any Shriner in good standing may become a member of the club by payment of a membership fee of \$5.00 and that any vacancy in office shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The annual dues for the club were set at \$2.00 and the destinies of the club shall be under the direction of the President, who shall be succeeded in his absence by the 1st Vice-president. 2nd Vice-president and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Any Shriner wishing to become affiliated with this new club or obtain any further particulars regarding the same may address Noble Chester W. McCraw, Secretary, 16 Tremont Street, Lawrence, Mass.



By NOBLE ROBERT S. FIFIELD

IN reporting news of our Annual Meeting for the last issue, we inadvertently failed to mention that an army training film on horsemanship was shown by Sergeant Gaeta, in the absence of Major MacKillop. We all enjoyed and appreciate very much the action of Major MacKillop in making the showing of these reels possible.

Reginald Goldsworthy, First Sergeant in the Mounted and a member of the Ritualistic Staff, became the proud and happy father of a boy recently. Both Mama (Peg) and boy (Martin) are doing nicely. Congratulations to all three.

The Mounties proceeded to the Cambridge Armory March 25 for further instruction in foot drill. With the blessing of Major Vaughan and very able assistance from his Captain, a Lieutenant and two Sergeants, we feel that we learned considerable and certainly appreciate the time and effort spent.

We have been riding regularly of late and the attendance has been very good. The new troopers are now becoming accustomed to formation riding, with the result drills are proceeding with considerable smoothness.



By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY

I AM sorry to report that our Director Frank Watson, is still confined to his home and it is questionable whether or not he can attend our next Ceremonial. However, Captain Dick Turpin has just returned from the Directors' Convention held in Denver, Colorado, with a large stock of new stunts which should prove of exceptional interest to the Nobility. "Wattie" is selecting the best of these, and planning the Second Section work for the Ceremonial while at home. It will then be up to the Degree Staff to put on the show without the benefit of "Wattie's" able assistance. If by any chance "Wattie" can be there, we can assure you that we will have a good show.

It looks like a good year for Potentate Frank Ells. He made a hit with the Uniformed Units at their first organization meeting this year, and I am sure he deserves and will get the complete co-operation of every member of Aleppo Temple. Potentate Ells appointed Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. to head up all of the Uniformed Units.

This, too, met with the approval of all the boys. The Judge is a very regular guy, and to work for and with him, is a pleasure.

The Uniformed Units are now making a membership drive for Aleppo Temple. Every Noble should bring in at least one new member during the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine.



By NOBLE VAIL K. HAAK

THE season is finished except for the banquet, at which time the new champs will be crowned. With a big four points the last night, the "Ceremonial Masters" nosed out the "Chief Rabbans" for top honors. Don Griswold rolled a meager 278 the last night and Jerry Jones, with a 304, eked out the high average by a small fraction of a point.

To the victors belong the spoils. The "Ceremonial Masters" who led the league most of the season and were shoved into second place the last few weeks were able to rise to the occasion the last night and take four points from the "Oriental Guides" while the "Chief Rabbans," minus the services of their spark plug, Milt Kerr, were trounced by the "High Priests" to the tune of three to one. K. A. Juthe returned from the South just in time to see his team, composed of Bills, Anderson and Haak, jump into first place. The "Chief Rabbans," who finished second, had a four-point margin over the "High Priests" and the "Oriental Guides" who were tied for fourth, whereas the "Potentates" reposed in the cellar.

In one of the closest races for high average, President Jones squeezed out a win over Don Griswold on the last night. The final was Jones, 100.22; Griswold, 100.20; Anderson, 99.8; Greig, 99.4; and Haak, 98. Robbins took care of the high three with 346 with Lees grabbing the second prize with 343. Griswold had 344 but only one prize to an individual.

The surprise of the year was newcomer Vern Hart who rolled 137 near the start of the season and it remained the high single. Dick Halliday's 136 took the second prize.

The "Ceremonial Masters" had the high team three of 1,273, with the high team single belonging to the "High Priests."

In the ten-string roll-off for the Potentate's and Recorder's Trophies, Gene Rothmund with a handicap of 12 pins a string included, rolled 1,071 to take top honors. Carl Anderson rolling from scratch (no handicap) took second spot with 1,066. Perce Davis with a handicap of 10 pins a string rolled 1,051 to win a new prize known as the John Eaton prize. Thanks, John, for your donation to this roll-off.



By NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY

SALAAMS and greetings to Illustrious Frank B. Ells, our new Potentate. Frank is familiar with the inside workings and administration of the Temple, he having served the past year as Acting Potentate. Then, too, he was a member of the Patrol for many years. With these qualifications together with his organizing ability and his keen interest in the Temple, a banner year may be expected for Aleppo.

Lieut. Beckman and the second platoon were hosts to Potentate Ells, formerly a member of that platoon, in a banquet at the Brunswick Hotel, March 4. Entertainment was provided by the Aleppo Fez-tive Four, Noble Allen and his banjo, and Noble Monty Gibson showed his fine color film of the 1948 Convention at Atlantic City.

Our best wishes go to Frank Watson, Director of the Degree Staff, for a prompt recovery in his illness.

R. W. Fred Duncan is chairman of the Aleppo Blue Lodge Team again this year — it was the offspring of his brain; and Em. Clyde Carter is to be chairman of the Aleppo Knight Templar Team.

Gethsemane Commandery of Newton, under the leadership of Em. John B. Naylor of the second platoon, is still a way ahead of the other Commanderies of the jurisdiction in attracting new members. Thirty-three signed the by-laws at the February conclave.

An amaryllis for Bert Walke — The Walke Company, again this year, won first prize and gold medal, for its amaryllis display at the Flower Show. The Walke production symbolizes the finest in this flower year after year.

John Glawson, the representative of the law on our patrol, puts in a lot of his time in the organizing of Mosaic Clubs. He is now Deputy State President of the National League of Mosaic Clubs. He is also Chief Justice of Omar Grotto.

I see that Gordon Boynton of the second platoon, our Representative in the Legislature from the Back Bay, was appointed a member of the Advisory Committee of the G.O.P. by the Republican floor leader.

Lieut. Leslie Dixon and his third platoon get top billing in the announcement of the Grand Ball to be held at the Haverhill Armory April 22, sponsored jointly by the Haverhill Square and Compass Club, Haverhill Commandery No. 14, and Fidelity Chapter, O.E.S. The third platoon will give an exhibition drill, using the lights and the bells. The affair has attracted great interest throughout the district and a thousand tickets were sold early. It is expected that many of the bigwigs of Aleppo, the Grand Commandery, and the other Bodies, will be present.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS

By NOBLE FRANK H. WILSON

THE Master Mason has received the Adopted Word and to him have been revealed the basic and fundamental truths of Freemasonry. His attention is called, however, to the fact that in the other bodies of York Rite Masonry there are available to him further light, additional instruction and a clearer insight into those beautiful lessons which Masonry desires to inculcate. The Ancient York Rite is unquestionably the oldest of the various branches of Freemasonry. Here in the United States the term "York Rite Masonry" is customarily used to describe the system of the Craft which in addition to the Symbolic Lodge, also includes the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery of Knights Templar.

Although there are several degrees in Freemasonry which are either primarily Christian in character or at least through inference indicate their Christian origin and interest, the Commandery of Knights Templar is the only one of the larger bodies or branches of Masonry which is essentially and basically Christian in its precepts and in its ritualistic work. The Orders (corresponding to Degrees in other Bodies) follow:

1. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross is founded upon incidents connected with the building of the second Temple, said to have taken place during the reign of Darius I, King of Persia, B.C. 521. Darius vowed that he would rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem and the ritualistic work of this Order has to do with the fulfillment of this vow. The Divine Attribute impressively presented in this Order was taught by Judaism, upon which Christianity is built; hence the appropriateness of the ceremonies of the Order of the Red Cross as introductory to the exalted truths of the Christian Order of Knights Templar. It may be said that the Order of the Red Cross personifies and exalts virtue and truth. It may be considered as a preparatory Order for the later Order of Knights Templar, founded and based primarily upon Christianity and the Christian virtues.

2. The Order of Malta

The Order of Knights of Malta was founded by certain merchants of Amalfi in 1048 A.D. In the early part of the 12th century they became a Military Order, adding new obligations to their vows of chastity. They derived their name by reason of the fact that, due to their valor and courage, Emperor Charles the Fifth bestowed upon them the Island of Malta in the year 1530.

The Order is the first of the Masonic Orders beginning to take up the ideas and ideals of Christianity as based on the early Angelican Church.

3. The Order of The Temple

The Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple was founded in the year 1118 in England for the primary purpose of guarding and protecting pilgrims to the Holy Sepulchre. It is the

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The ritualistic work in this Order is based entirely on teachings from the New Testament and exemplifies the duties of all true Knights to support the Christian religion and to advance the ideals and principles of Christianity.

The Masonic Order of the Temple portrays in symbolic form the process by which an aspirant became a Knight Templar while the organization was at the height of its power during the Crusades. It stresses those duties and responsibilities which were assumed by Christian Knights in that long ago period, and which are still incumbent upon Christian Masons of today. The scene in connection with the final vow

is probably the most impressive and the one most likely to be remembered, in all Freemasonry.

Master Masons may well give consideration to the advantages which will be theirs in belonging to these remaining bodies of York Rite Masonry. A dual form of Chapter application and Commandery petition is available whereby it is permissible for a Blue Lodge to sign a Commandery petition at the same time he signs a Chapter application.



WASHINGTON NOBLES MEET

A GROUP of Nobles of Aleppo recently met in Washington, D. C. and formed a luncheon club association for the purpose of bringing together Aleppo Nobles who spend much time in the Capitol or who might be on a short visit or business trip. This group plans to set a definite time and place of meeting so traveling Aleppo Nobles may enjoy this fellowship of our members.

SHRINERS' CRIPPLED CHILDREN HOSPITAL NEWS

By NOBLE N. RUSSELL LYNN

THE following is a reprint from the Worcester Sunday Telegram:

"NEW YORK DAY BY DAY — By Charles B. Driscoll "On Doing Things for the Poor: Shriners Hospital in Montreal.

"The Book in my desk, which was placed here by the Gideons, has a story I seem to have read heretofore. It says here that Jesus of Nazareth, in talking to some of the customers, somehow fell into a discussion of children and poor people.

"While there are many variations of the text, in different editions and versions, all of which I have read with much interest, the sense is the same in all. It might be modernized thus:

"When Z-Day comes, my Father will be likely to say, 'Come here, you Protestants, Catholics and Jews who have been good to children, dogs and poor people. You fed me when I was hungry, clothed me when I was naked, visited me when I was in prison, and gave me a bed. I have a fine place for all of you here in heaven.'

"There is a nice story in this Book about how the customers will be surprised, but the Lord will make it all clear by saying to them, 'You did these things to the poor and the children and the dogs. So, it was just the same as doing it for me in person.'

"The customers will be delighted.

"So, like it or not, there'll be a lot of Shriners in heaven when you get there.

"Please keep in mind that I'm not a Shriner, nor a Mason, nor could I become one by any stretch of my own imagination. But I have just spent two afternoons in the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Montreal. I have been talking and playing with some of the happiest children I have ever met. I'm not being paid for telling you about it. I tell you only because I think that, in this decaying civilization, we all should know something about what the culture called Capitalism did for crippled children.


"There are 50 children in this modern hospital, on the slope of a mountain that overlooks the city. Doesn't seem a very important unit to New Yorkers, who are accustomed to towering skyscrapers that are integrated into hospitals. But it takes more than bricks and mortar, money and medical degree, to make this kind of thing. These hospitals, of which there are now 16 in North America, treat each child as though it were the only unfortunate child in the world.

"Surprising to me, only because I have known nothing about the work, is the fact that in this hospital, during the last year, the patients have included 2,814 Catholics, 3,791 Protestants of all denominations, 107 Jews and 10 Mohammedans.

"There is no denominationalism about infantile paralysis, club foot, poverty or tuberculous spine. It was a Samaritan, a despised foreigner, who picked up the injured man at the roadside and took him into town. He also paid the bill, in advance.

"It is no longer a wonder to me that one of the generous givers to this hospital is the local organization of the Knights of Columbus. This is the work Our Master started. What matter the color of the skin or the kind of religion these poor little cripples have? Enough for Our Lord and for us is the tragic fact that they are poor underfed, unclothed, and suffering. If the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine can help them, I'm for the Shrine."

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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING

"AND CLANCY LOWERED THE BOOM, BOOM, BOOM"

EVERY time we hear this silly little ditty over the radio we think of the tuba. And speaking of the tuba reminds us that we have a new performer on that instrument; or rather an old performer, Noble Julian Besarick, who was one of the faithful for several years, and could be counted on at all times to do his part. For business reasons Julian was obliged to move to New Hampshire, but at the last Ceremonial he was present and informed us that he was back in the old Bay State and would take an active part in the band. Sure enough; he was at the last rehearsal, and it seemed like old times to see his smiling phiz again and hear his boom, boom in the bass section.

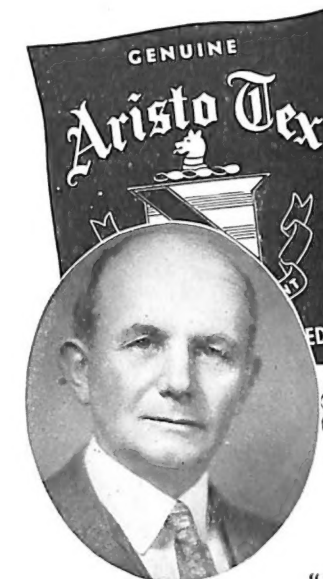
Last month we reported that Noble "Bill" Sears of Haverhill had gone to the hospital but we had no particulars at that time. It seems that "Bill" had to undergo a major operation, but we are happy to state that the operation was successful and he is getting along nicely and improving every day. When we got to the band room on March 28, we found a note from "Bill" stating that he would be in to see us all soon, and enclosing clippings from the Haverhill paper giving an account of the twelfth annual Masonic band concert in the Haverhill City Hall on March 24, before an audience of over 700. Noble Sears has composed a march in honor of Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple, which was played for the first time at this concert, and conducted by Noble Sears. Owing to his recent illness he could not conduct the rest of the concert, but Noble Howard L. Rowell, a former member of Sousa's band, took over the duties of Director during rehearsals and conducted the rest of the concert. This concert is an annual affair and the proceeds go to the Masonic Charitable Fund.

The annual Registration dinner and entertainment for the uniformed units was held on March 18, and we expected to be present but we forgot the date. We were right in the middle of our dinner in a restaurant when it dawned on us that we were supposed to be having dinner at Shrine Headquarters "For free." We must be getting old when we pass up a free feed.

On Sunday, April 24, the band will go to Lynn to assist at the annual open air service of Olivet Commandery Knights Templar, in the Manning Bowl. We will go by special busses, and will stop at the Lobster Pool on the way down for dinner. (Two lobes per man.) Judging by what the gang did to that feed last year those poor little lobsters better start right now for deep water, the deeper the better.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1949



READY TO "SIGN UP" AND RARING TO GO, the enthusiastic group of Nobles shown above attended the annual Registration Dinner for the Temple's Uniformed Units on March 18 at Shrine headquarters. These Nobles, who again signified their desire to participate in one of the Temple's active working units which carry much of the burden of the Organization through their participation in the entertainment and work at Ceremonials, parades and other functions of Aleppo, have been reassigned and are now prepared for their active part in our May 10 Ceremonial. The Nobles who were welcomed by Illustrious Potentate Frank B. Ells and the Co-ordinator of the Uniformed Units, Illustrious Noble Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., and Divan Officers, included members of the Arab Patrol, Shrine Band, Degree Staff, Mounted Patrol, Ritualistic Degree Team, and Third Degree Team.